

# VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT



## VIRGINIA WINS ANOTHER NATIONAL AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF HEALTHCARE FRAUD



### Office of Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) Wins "Honest Abe" Award from Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund

MFCU received its second national award of the year when the Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund presented the Unit with its **"Honest Abe" Integrity in Government Award** at its annual Conference in Washington, DC. This award is presented to individuals and organizations that combat fraud against government funds through the use of False Claims Act laws and other anti-fraud measures that promote the public-private partnership between the government and whistleblowers. Virginia's MFCU was previously named the nation's top Unit by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General.

"We will root out fraud and abuse wherever we find it in the Commonwealth," said Attorney General Mark R. Herring. "When healthcare providers divert public funds for their private benefit, they are stealing from all of us and undermining an important system that connects thousands of low-income Virginians with needed medical services. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the professionals in our MFCU, and congratulate them on this well-deserved honor."

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## The Commonwealth From Corner to Corner

Here is a partial schedule of the upcoming presentations on Medicaid Fraud and Elder Abuse & Neglect. For a full list of community outreach events, please visit us at [www.oag.state.va.us](http://www.oag.state.va.us).

**December 3 Long Term Care Committee Meeting**  
10:30 a.m. 4453 Lee Highway, Marion, VA

**December 9 Appomattox Triad**  
11:00 a.m. 220 Community Lane, Appomattox, VA

**December 12 Prince Edward County Triad**  
12:00 p.m. Firemen's Arena  
1328 Zion Hill Road, Farmville, VA

**December 12 Grayson County Triad**  
11:00 a.m. Independence Fire Department  
529 Davis Street, Independence, VA



*Virginia Attorney General  
Mark R. Herring*



Community Outreach Coordinator Deborah H. Bell presenting to Montgomery County Long Term Care Providers in November 2014.

**The Virginia MFCU's Community Outreach Coordinators will soon be coming to a congregation, club or civic group near you!**

# What if you suspect fraud by a Medicaid Recipient?

Please contact the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Recipient fraud may include:

- the deliberate failure to report income or to disclose resources
- unreported change in household member composition
- uncompensated asset transfer
- Medicaid card sharing, prescription fraud and drug diversion

Non-fraud examples are:

- eligibility errors due to recipient misunderstanding
- agency errors
- when Medicaid-covered services continue during the appeal process and the agency's cancellation action is upheld

When the investigation confirms that an individual received Medicaid services fraudulently, the claims paid on the recipient's behalf are determined and the overpayment amount is identified. Recipient fraud cases may be prosecuted by the local Commonwealth's Attorney's Office or in Federal court when joint investigations are involved.

*The MFCU is statutorily prohibited from investigating Medicaid recipient fraud.*



The Virginia Attorney General's Office is located in the Pocahontas Building at 900 East Main Street, Richmond, VA

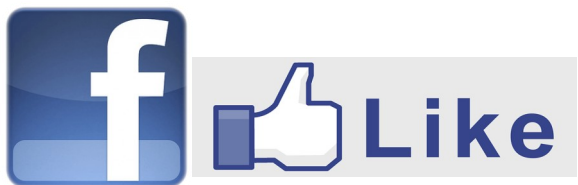
**Contact info for DMAS:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services  
Recipient Audit Unit  
600 East Broad Street  
Suite 1300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
1-866-486-1971 or 804-786-1066



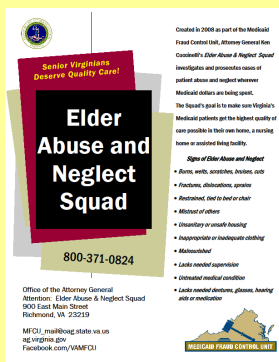
## *Learn More and Connect with Us on Social Media*

Check out the Virginia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's Facebook page today at [www.facebook.com/VAMFCU](http://www.facebook.com/VAMFCU) to keep up with the latest news on Medicaid Fraud from across the Commonwealth and the nation. While there, you can also access detailed information about MFCU, including our mission, awards, and contact information. View and download photos of our recent visits to community organizations. Watch videos and check our calendar of events for upcoming presentations in your area. And, don't forget to click the "like" button if you want to join our list of friends. You may also follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/VaMFCU](http://www.twitter.com/VaMFCU), and Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/VAMFCU](http://www.pinterest.com/VAMFCU).



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## Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Elder Abuse and Neglect Squad



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[www.oag.virginia.gov](http://www.oag.virginia.gov)

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Contact us at:

MFCU\_mail@oag.state.va.us or by  
telephone, 1-800-371-0824, to order  
brochures, tip cards for first responders,  
elder abuse and neglect flyers.

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**Also, find us at <http://tinyurl.com/VAMFCU>**



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**If you would like to request a presentation on Medicaid Fraud or Elder Abuse and Neglect for your congregation, club or civic group, please contact Randy Davis at 804-786-7750 or Debbie Bell at 540-562-3571 today.**



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